

Seeking, Sharing, Serving



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The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith Pastor Welcome to the house of the Lord! May God's grace and peace fill you.

PRELUDE

Joy to the World

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

INTROIT

Let's Worship and Adore Him Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Praise the Lord in the highest heavens! Praise the Lord, you heavenly hosts!
- P: We praise the name of the Lord, our Creator! For God commanded and the world was created.
- L: Praise the Lord, O sun and moon! Praise the Lord, you shining stars!
- P: We praise the name of the Lord our God! For the glory of God is over heaven and earth.
- L: Praise the Lord, O people of the earth! Let all who trust in the Lord, praise the Lord!
- P: God has raised up victory for the faithful! Draw near to us, Almighty God, as we draw near to you.
- L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

CH 249

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we admit that we have been quick to complain but slow to forgive, short on wisdom and long on foolishness, eager to wander and wanting in gratitude for all that you have given us. Forgive us our divisiveness and disunity. Guide us with your holy teaching. Raise us in your ways of wisdom. Grow us into the full stature of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: The One who has begun a good work in you will surely bring it to completion! Trust that the grace of the Lord greets you each time you turn around to seek your God!

- P: Now may love overflow in us, and pour forth from us—love for the One who will raise us up, pure and blameless, in the day of Jesus Christ.
- L: Know that you are saved by Christ through your repentance and by the forgiveness of your sins.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord Incline Thine ear to us And grant us Thy peace. A-men.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

What Can I Give Him?

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM Jesus, the Light of the World! Chancel Choir

NT LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON Holy Living Inspired by a Holy Night

The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

HYMN O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful CH 282

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING Emmanuel Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Gloria!

PRAYERS

PRAYER CONCERNS

D. W. Sensabaugh Charlotte Dale
Martha Wilkerson Nita Wimer
Linda Queen Linda Lickliter
Nedra Keenan, Brenda & Jim Wright's niece, cancer

SHUT-INS

Charlotte Dale – Baldwin Park Tim Clemmer Jean Flower - Legacy

BIRTHDAYS

- 29 Sherill Robinson
- 31 Michelle Snyder Nuckols
- 31 Judah Fisher Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

QUICK REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.

THIS WEEKATA GLANCE

TODAY DECEMBER 26

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: Rick & Dara Myrah and 2 more

needed

Congregational Meeting after worship

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 2

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: All are needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

After worship today, there will be a short meeting of the congregation to officially elect our new class of officers as elders and a new trustee. The proposed elders are Amanda Harris, Jim McKenna, Rick Myrah, & Sherrill Robinson. The proposed elder is Caroline Woebke.

GREETERS & USHERS

The sign-up **sheet** for greeters and ushers for the month of **January** is on the table in back of the sanctuary. Thanks so much for your help.

No handbell practices on Thursdays for a few weeks.

THE SESSION

Class of 2021 Andy Easley Jo Fields Matthew Ramsey Joe Witcofsky	Class of 2022 Mark Robertson Nancy Swisher Paul Wolfe	Class of 2023 Frank Brown Mary Rainey Debbie Sedr Jerry Siford
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Evan R. Smith, Moderator		Nancy Swisher, Clerk
TRUSTEES		
Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Ralph Weller	Dick Hippeard	Betty Clemmer
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN		
Moderator Vice-Moderator Secretary Treasurer		Pat Blackley Talitha Hippeard
SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS		
Christian Education/WorshipMary Rainey & Joe Witcofsky		
Membership & Outreach		
Mission & Community ServiceFrank Brown & Jo Fields		
Stewardship and FinanceMark Robertson & Jerry Siford		
Property		
Personnel		-
CHURCH STAFF		
Pastor		Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith
Secretary		
Music Director		Pam Snyder